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樞密院會議筆記

「米國及英國」對「日」宣戰布告、件

昭和十六年十二月八日(月曜日)午前十時五十分開議

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戴仁親王

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三番  
四番

清水 顧問官  
南 顧問官  
奈良 顧問官  
荒木 顧問官  
松井 顧問官  
菅原 顧問官  
松浦 顧問官  
潮 顧問官  
林 顧問官  
系井 顧問官  
二上 顧問官  
真野 顧問官  
大島 顧問官  
小幡 顧問官  
竹越 顧問官  
三土 顧問官  
伊澤 顧問官  
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は、本國に對し、然るに、現下、軍需、糧食、  
は、不足、の虞、あり、故に、外國、の、金貨、を、本國、  
の、銀行、に、預け、置、き、之、を、金貨、と、交換、せ、  
る、事、を、決定、せ、し、  
在、座、の、諸、君、に、報告、す、

議長(常) 則ち、議決、す、故、に、諸、君、以、上、の、旨、を、  
以、て、報告、す、本、議、決、案、を、各位、起、立、し、  
(全體、起、立、)

議長(常) 全、會、一、致、可、決、す、

本日、之、を、閉、會、す、

聖、上、御、

(午前、十、時、閉、會、)

議長	原、嘉、道
書記、長	堀、江、孝、雄
書記、官	
諸、橋、襄	
高、辻、正、巳	

證明書

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右ノ者ノ公的資格 内閣事務官

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Notes of Privy Council Meeting;

A matter concerning declaration of war against the United States and Great Britain.

The meeting was held in the Imperial presence on Monday, December 8, 1941, beginning at 10:50 A. M.

Those present:

Chairman HARA  
Vice-Chairman SUZUKI

(Ministers)

Premier, concurrently Home and War Minister TOJO	No. 5
Education Minister HASHIDA	No. 6
Agriculture and Forestry Minister, concurrently	
Overseas Minister INO	No. 7
Welfare Minister KOIZUMI	No. 8
Justice Minister IWAMURA	No. 9
Navy Minister SHIMADA	No. 10
Foreign Minister TOGO	No. 11
Communications Minister TERASHIMA	No. 12
Finance Minister KAYA	No. 13
Commerce and Industry Minister KISHI	No. 14
Railway Minister HATTA	No. 15
(Councillors)	
Councillor ISHII	No. 18
Councillor ARIMA	No. 19
Councillor KUBOTA	No. 20
Councillor ISHIZUKA	No. 21



Councillor SHIMIZU	No. 22
Councillor MINAMI	No. 23
Councillor NARA	No. 24
Councillor ARAKI	No. 25
Councillor MATSUI	No. 26
Councillor SUGAWARA	No. 27
Councillor MATSUURA	No. 28
Councillor USHIO	No. 29
Councillor HAYASHI	No. 30
Councillor FUKAI	No. 31
Councillor FUTAGAMI	No. 32
Councillor MANO	No. 33
Councillor OSHIMA	No. 34
Councillor KOBATA	No. 35
Councillor TAKEGOSHI	No. 36
Councillor MITSUCHI	No. 37
Councillor IZAWA	No. 38
Councillor IKEDA	No. 39

**Those absent:****(Imperial princes)**

Imperial prince YASUHITO	No. 1
Imperial prince NOBUHITO	No. 2
Imperial prince TAKAHITO	No. 3
Imperial prince KOTOHITO	No. 4
<b>(Councillor)</b>	
Councillor KANEKO	No. 17

Committeemen:

President of the Planning Board SUZUKI  
Chief of the Cabinet Secretary HOSHINO  
Director of the Legislation Bureau MORIYAMA  
President of the Information Board TANI  
Director of the East Asia Bureau of the Foreign Ministry YAMAMOTO  
Director of the Europe and Asia Bureau of the Foreign Ministry  
SALIMOTO  
Director of the Treaty Bureau of the Foreign Ministry MATSUMOTO  
Lieutenant-General MUTO  
Rear-Admiral OKA

Reporting Councillor:

Chief of the Examination Committee SUZUKI

Chief Secretary:

Chief Secretary HORIE

Secretaries:

Secretary MOROHASHI

Secretary TAKATSUJI

Chairman (HARA): The meeting is now in session. The matter concerning the declaration of war against America and Britain is brought up for discussion. The first discussion is going to be held without reading and the Chief of the Examination Committee is requested to report at once.

Reporting Councillor (SUZUKI): I and all other members present today were appointed as members of the Examination Committee concerning the matter of declaring war against America and Britain because of His Majesty's consultation. At once a committee meeting was held and, in view of the vital importance of the matter, the committeemen have listened attentively to explanations of the Ministers and officials concerned and have deliberated carefully on the matter. I hope you will excuse me for not being able to send you a report of the deliberation due to the urgency of the matter.

The Premier's explanation was as follows:

To insure the stability of East Asia and to contribute to world peace is our Empire's inflexible policy. To carry out this policy successfully by cultivating friendship with other nations is the guiding principle of our Empire's diplomacy. China, however, failing to comprehend our Empire's true intentions, and relying on assistance from abroad, recklessly courted trouble and finally caused the China Incident. Although there has been re-established the National Government of China, with which Japan has effected neighborly intercourse and has been co-operating for the settlement of the Incident, the regime which has survived at CHUNGKING, relying upon American and British protection, still continues its futile opposition. On the other hand, both America and Britain, giving support to the CHUNGKING regime, and hindering settlement of the Incident, have aggravated the disturbances in East Asia. Moreover, these two Powers increased military preparations on all sides of our Empire. They have gradually increased economic pressure and finally resorted to a direct severance of economic relations. Our Empire, however, eagerly hoping to relieve the situation peacefully through diplomatic negotiations, has negotiated with America for eight months. But America has unduly delayed a settlement and, in the meantime, combining with Britain and with other countries following suit, has intensified the economic and military pressure. Advocating merely fanciful principles and forcing our unilateral concessions, it has taken up an attitude compelling our Empire to submission. Our Empire's submission would not only nullify our efforts of many years for the sake of the stabilization of East Asia originating from our constant love of peace, but also impair its national prestige and possibly endanger its very existence. The situation is such that, either in view of national strength or from the strategic viewpoint, we cannot leave the trend of affairs unchecked; in particular operational requirements will not permit any further postponement and there remains no other way but to resort to immediate military action. With an Imperial decision already made, our Empire is now going to commence war against America, Britain and the Netherlands. Accordingly, the Imperial Government has drafted the present measure for immediate declaration of war against America and Britain and has petitioned the Emperor to refer it to this Council.

Our Empire's vital policy for the present, I think, is to fight out the China Incident and to stabilize East Asia. Our Empire, eagerly looking forward to a peace, has done its utmost in seeking a settlement through most moderate measures and has long negotiated with America, Britain and other countries backing the CHUNGKING regime. However, these countries, confident and proud, relying on their riches and power, have stood firmly on mere fanciful principles and have rejected every proposal by our Empire. Thus, with all its previous efforts coming to nothing and with all peaceful measures proving unsuccessful, our Empire is now obliged to seek a settlement by taking up arms for the sake of its prestige and self-existence. Hence the adoption of the present measure for declaring war against America and Britain. In view of the present situation, it is admitted, there remains absolutely no other way. Accordingly, I and all other members of the Committee unanimously voted for this measure as it stood.

The above is my report on the result of the deliberation.

Chairman (HARA): As there is no objection, we dispense with the second and further discussions and take a vote at once. Those who are for this measure are requested to stand up.

(All members stood up.)

Chairman (HARA): The measure passed unanimously. Today's meeting is adjourned.

His Majesty retired.

(Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.)

Signed:

Chairman HARA, Yoshimichi  
Chief Secretary HORIE, Sueo  
Secretaries MOROHASHI, Jo  
TAKATSUJI, Masami

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CERTIFICATE

N. D. C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed at Tokyo on this  
9th day of June, 1947

/s/ Asao SATO  
Signature of Official  
SEAL  
Cabinet junior official  
Official Capacity

Witness: /s/ Kenichi IWANAGA

Statement of Official Procurement

I, J. A. Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above certification was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

Signed at Tokyo on this  
10th day of June, 1946 /T.N. Should  
be 1947./

/s/ J. A. Curtis  
NAME

Witness: R. H. Larsh

1st Lt. Inf., Investigation.  
Official Capacity IPS